

While the MPAA isn't as bad as the RIAA (yet), the broadcast flag is a big step in the wrong direction. It would restrict what we can do today for no good reason. It has a chilling effect on innovation. It doesn't even solve the problem, and the problem it is attempting to solve really doesn't exist today.

Today, I could care less about broadcast TV because it is basically infested with commercials and has little content that I want. When I want to watch movies, I get them off the satellite a long time before I see the edited, stripped down pan-n-scan versions we see on broadcast TV.

I think that once this flag exists, pretty soon it'll be turned on all the time except maybe during the commercials. The people who say that they need the broadcast flag can perish or adapt, and I don't particularly care which.